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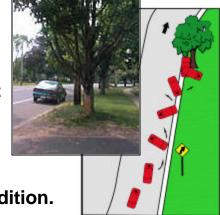
Dangers to Teens Working at Pizza Restaurants

The New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services is alerting pizza restaurants to the deaths of two teenagers who worked in pizzerias. Similar conditions may exist in many restaurants that may be dangerous to youths and other employees.



A 15-year-old boy was killed when he was crushed in a pizza dough mixing machine. He had worked for two weeks, mostly sweeping and cleaning the pizzeria. The boy was alone in the kitchen as the restaurant was closing for the night. He was cleaning the mixer when he was caught between the spinning beater and the bowl. The mixer had a faulty switch and had not been de-energized prior to cleaning.

A 17-year-old pizza delivery driver was killed in a car accident while delivering a pizza. This was his first night at work at the pizzeria, and he was using a family car to deliver pizzas. He was driving down a road in the rain when he spun out on a curve on the wet road and hit a tree. He died later that night in the hospital. He was an inexperienced driver and his car's tires were in poor condition.



Did You Know...

- That youths under 18 are NOT permitted to operate or clean most restaurant machines?
- That youths under 18 are NOT permitted to work as delivery drivers or helpers?
- That youths under 18 are NOT permitted to work many dangerous jobs?

Know Your Responsibilities

Ask about the Federal and New Jersey State Child Labor Laws.

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The New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services, in conjunction with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health is currently conducting a research study of work-related injuries. This project, known as FACE (Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation), seeks to identify the factors that contribute to fatal occupational injuries. The FACE study will help in the development and use of improved safety measures for preventing fatal injuries in the future.

We hope you find this bulletin informative and that you will share it with others. If you have any comments or questions, or need additional copies of this bulletin, please call the New Jersey FACE project at (609) 984-1863.

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